

This listing of claims replaces all prior listings.

1. (Currently Amended) A positive active material comprising:

particles comprising base particles of a compound oxide of lithium; and

a transition metal,

wherein,

~~the compound oxide of lithium has~~ particles have a layered structure[[,]] with a

coating layer comprising an inorganic compound and a carbonaceous material formed on at least part of each surface of the base particles of a compound oxide of lithium, and

the inorganic compound comprises a compound oxide of at least one selected from the group of LiFePO_4 , and Li_3PO_4 , LiAlO_x , $\text{Li}_4\text{Ti}_5\text{O}_{12}$, Al_2O_3 , TiO_2 and MgO .

2. (Original) The positive active material according to Claim 1, wherein the inorganic compound is a lithium compound.

3. (Original) The positive active material according to Claim 1, wherein the weight ratio of the inorganic compound to the carbonaceous material ranges between 99:1 and 60:40.

4. (Original) The positive active material according to Claim 1, wherein the weight ratio of the particles to the coating layers ranges between 98:2 and 70:30.

5. (Currently Amended) A nonaqueous electrolyte secondary battery comprising:

a negative active material;

a positive active material comprising particles comprising base particles of a compound oxide of lithium and a transition metal, ~~the compound oxide of lithium~~ particles having a layered structure[[,]] with a coating layer comprising an inorganic compound and a carbonaceous material formed on at least part of each surface of the base particles of a compound oxide of lithium, the inorganic compound comprising a compound oxide of at least one selected from the group of LiFePO_4 , and Li_3PO_4 , LiAlO_x , $\text{Li}_4\text{Ti}_5\text{O}_{12}$, Al_2O_3 , TiO_2 and MgO ; ~~and~~ and a nonaqueous electrolyte between the negative and positive active materials .